

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

- 1 1. A container useful for storing pieces of split-shot therein, comprising:
 - 2 a. an elongate receptacle comprising a closed bottom wall, a top opening, and a body
 - 3 between the top opening and the closed bottom wall, the body having a smooth
 - 4 outer surface, whereby a cavity is defined within the elongate receptacle, and
 - 5 b. a pliable and resilient tubular closure having an open end, a closed end, and an
 - 6 elongate body between the open end and the closed end, said tubular closure being
 - 7 sized such the open end fits over the top opening of the elongate receptacle to
 - 8 frictionally engage the cylindrical body of the elongate receptacle, said tubular
 - 9 closure defining at least one slit through the elongate body providing access to the
 - 10 cavity within the receptacle.
- 1 2. The container of claim 1, wherein the body of the elongate receptacle is generally
2 cylindrical in shape.
- 1 3. The container of claim 1, wherein the at least one slit comprises a pair of intersecting
2 slits.
- 1 4. The container of claim 1, wherein the at least one slit comprises three intersecting slits.
- 1 5. The container of claim 1, wherein the tubular closure defines an aperture through the
2 tubular closure at the closed end thereof, whereby said aperture provides a place
3 where said container can be attached to a retractor and hung by the tubular closure.
- 1 6. The container of claim 1, wherein the elongate receptacle is transparent.
- 1 7. The container of claim 1, wherein the tubular closure comprises soft plastic tubing
2 having one end thereof sealed closed.

- 1 8. The container of claim 2, wherein the generally cylindrical body of the elongate
2 receptacle further comprises a threaded section at the top opening such that a cap can
3 be screwed thereto when the elongate closure is not frictionally engaged with the
4 elongate receptacle.
- 1 9. The container of claim 1, wherein the elongate receptacle is a bottle made of a material
2 chosen from the group consisting of glass and plastic.
- 1 10. The container of claim 9, wherein the elongate receptacle is a glass bottle and the
2 threaded section has a smaller diameter than the remainder of the generally cylindrical
3 body of the elongate receptacle.
- 1 11. The container of claim 10, wherein the tubular closure is made from soft plastic tubing.
- 1 12. The container of claim 11, wherein the glass bottle is a dram bottle between about 0.5
2 drams and about 2 drams.
- 1 13. In a bottle of the type comprising a closed bottom wall, a top opening, a generally
2 cylindrical body having a smooth outer surface, and optionally a threaded portion
3 between the top opening and the cylindrical body, with a cavity defined within the
4 bottle, the improvement being a closure for the bottle, the closure comprising: a pliable
5 and resilient elongate tube comprising an open end, a closed end, and a tubular body
6 between the open end and the closed end, wherein the open end is sized to frictionally
7 engage the smooth outer surface of the generally cylindrical body of the bottle, and the
8 tubular body of the closure defines at least one slit passing through the tubular body
9 and providing access to the cavity defined within the bottle.
- 1 14. The closure of claim 13 wherein the at least one slit comprises a pair of intersecting
2 slits.

1 15. The closure of claim 13 wherein the at least one slit comprises three intersecting slits.

1 16. The closure of claim 13, wherein the closure defines an aperture passing through the
2 closure at the closed end whereby said aperture provides a place where said container
3 can be attached to a retractor and hung by the closure.

1 17. The closure of claim 13, wherein the closure comprises soft plastic tubing having one
2 end thereof sealed closed.

1 18. The closure of claim 13, wherein the closure is sized to fit a standard sized bottle.

1 19. The closure of claim 18, wherein the standard sized bottle is a 1-dram bottle.